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1. SUMMARY. DURING 14 DECEMBER WEEKLY MEETING ON THE RWANDA/BURUNDI CRISIS, JIDDO VAN DRUNNEN, UNHCR'S OPERATIONS CHIEF FOR THE RWANDA/BURUNDI UNIT, ANNOUNCED THAT THE TRIPARTITE REPATRIATION AGREEMENT INVOLVING UNHCR/RWANDA/BURUNDI HAS BEEN SIGNED AND THAT A TECHNICAL DPKO/UNHCR SECURITY ASSESSMENT MISSION HAD DEPARTED FOR KIGALI AND EASTERN ZAIRE TO REVIEW IMMEDIATE CAMP SECURITY NEEDS. IN THIS REGARD, VAN

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DRUNNEN NOTED THAT THE PRIVATE SECURITY FIRM DSL ESTIMATED THE YEARLY COSTS OF PROVIDING SECURITY TO THE CAMPS AT USDOLS 58 MILLION. THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED UNHCR OF ITS INTENTION TO MOVE FORTY FORMER RWANDAN LEADERS TO KINSHASA AND THEN TO THIRD COUNTRIES IN AFRICA; IOM WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION. UNHCR/N'GARA PROVIDED AN UPDATE OF THE SITUATION THERE, FOCUSING ON WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY.

### SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS

- 2. UNHCR'S OPERATIONS CHIEF FOR THE RWANDA/BURUNDI UNIT, JIDDO VAN DRUNNEN, CHAIRED THE DECEMBER 14 WEEKLY INFORMATION MEETING. HE MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS:
- -- THE TRIPARTITE REPATRIATION AGREEMENT INVOLVING UNHCR, RWANDA, AND BURUNDI WAS SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 14. UNHCR IS WORKING ON THE CORRESPONDING AGREEMENTS FOR UGANDA AND TANZANIA.
- -- A TECHNICAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT MISSION LEFT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAGE 03 GENEVA 10731 01 OF 02 151237Z KIGALI ON DECEMBER 11. THE TEAM HAS THREE MEMBERS FROM DPKO AND THREE FROM UNHCR. THEY WILL REVIEW INTERIM OPTIONS TO ADDRESS CAMP SECURITY PROBLEM.

- -- THIS TECHNICAL MISSION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A HIGH LEVEL MISSION TO DISCUSS FINDINGS WITH SENIOR GOZ AUTHORITIES IN KINSHASA.
- -- UN/NEW YORK THINKING STILL FAVORS THE MILITARY OPTION APPROVED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT THE SYG'S REQUEST FOR TROOPS HAS RECEIVED MINIMAL RESPONSES.
- -- THE PROPOSAL BY THE PRIVATE SECURITY FIRM (DSL) TO PROVIDE CAMP SECURITY HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY UN AGENCIES, BUT PRINCIPALLY BY DPKO. THE YEARLY ESTIMATED COST WOULD BE USDOLS 58 MILLION. HE NOTED THAT THIS FIGURE IS USDOLS 4 MILLION HIGHER THAN UNHCR'S CURRENT BUDGET FOR ALL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS IN EASTERN ZAIRE.

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-- THE GOZ INFORMED UNHOR OF ITS INTENTION TO MOVE FORTY FORMER RWANDAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS (MINISTERS AND SENIOR MILITARY OFFICIALS) TO KINSHASA FOR SUBSEQUENT RELOCATION TO THIRD COUNTRIES. IOM WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOZ AND POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS ARE UNDERWAY. UNHOR WELCOMES THIS INITIATIVE.

-- UNAMIR'S ACTIONS TO DISARM MILITIAS IN SOME OF THE IDP CAMPS AROUND GIKONGORO ARE PROCEEDING WELL.

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# SMALL CHANGE IN REPATRIATION POLICY

3. UNHCR BELIEVES THAT THE SITUATION IN WANDA IS STILL TENSE AND THAT IT CANNOT ACTIVELYPROMOTE REPATRIATION. HOWEVER, SOME REFUGEES IN EASTERN ZAIRE ARE EXERTING PRESSURE ON UNHCR TO HLP THEM RETURN. AS A RESULT, UNHCR HAS DECIDED O ASSIST REFUGEES WHO INSIST ON RETURNING AND WH ARE AWARE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED. UNHCR WILL HOT A REPATRIATION SEMINAR IN KIGALI NEXT WEEK.

STATEMENT BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL ENVO

4. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE REGION, CARROLL FAUBERT, ATTENDED THE WEEKLY MEETING AND PROVIDED A PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTION OF HIS MANDATE: "TO INCREASE COHERENCE OF APPROACHES IN THE REGION IN TERMS OF UNHCR'S OPERATIONS AND TO BE THE FOCAL POINT IN

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### SITUATION IN N'GARA

- 5. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY JACQUES FRANQUIN, WHO IS UNHCR'S SENIOR FIELD OFFICER IN N'GARA. FRANQUIN MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE AREA:
- -- THERE ARE ABOUT 400,000 REFUGEES IN THE N'GARA AREA. OF THESE, ABOUT 250,000 ARE IN BENACO, 108,000 IN LUMASI AND ABOUT 50,000 IN MUSENI (SP?). THIS

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POPULATION IS ASSISTED BY 250 INTERNATIONAL STAFF, OF WHICH 25 ARE UNHCR EMPLOYEES. AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

- -- SECURITY HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY. SECURITY IS PROVIDED BY 170 POLICEMEN DEPLOYED IN THE N'GARA AND 130 DEPLOYED IN THE KARAGWE REGION. THEIR WORK IS ASSISTED BY 500 REFUGEE "GUARDIANS" HIRED BY UNHCR. THESE GUARDIANS HAVE ARRESTED AND DISARMED REFUGEES.
- -- THE BIGGEST PROBLEM CONFRONTING N'GARA IS AN INADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY. UNHCR IS PROVIDING THE EQUIVALENT OF 8/9 LITERS PER PERSON PER DAY, WHICH IS FAR BELOW THE APPROXIMATELY 20 LITERS PER PERSON PER DAY MINIMUM.
- -- THE LAKE FROM WHICH WATER HAD BEEN PROVIDED HAS DRIED UP AND DRILLING HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AS THE AQUIFER UNDER BENACO IS UNEVEN. WATER IS AVAILABLE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- -- UNHCR IS WORKING ON SYSTEM TO PUMP AND TRANSPORT BY TRUCK WATER FROM A LAKE 15 KILOMETERS AWAY. THE SITUATION IS NOT CRITICAL YET.
- -- THE N'GARA AREA IS RECEIVING BETWEEN 500 AND 1000 REFUGEES PER WEEK FROM BURUNDI. RECENT ARRIVALS ARE COMPLAINING OF JOINT RPA/BURUNDIAN ARMY HARASSMENT OF REFUGEES. THESE ARMIES ARE PRESSURING REFUGEES TO RETURN TO RWANDA.

### DHA ON APPEAL AND REGIONAL CONFERENCE

6. THE DHA REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCED THAT THE CONSOLIDATED APPEAL WILL BE READY IN EARLY JANUARY. EMERGENCY NEEDS IN THE APPEAL WILL BE APPROXIMATELY USDOLS 700 MILLION; OF THIS, USDOLS 280 MILLION WILL BE NEEDED BY UNHCR. THIS APPEAL IS DISTINCT FROM RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, WHICH WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THE UNDP ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY.

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7. ON THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE CALLED FOR BY THE UNGA RESOLUTION ON BURUNDI, THE DHA REP ANNOUNCED THAT THE UN'S DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS IS ALREADY WORKING ON IT, AND THAT IT IS A PARALLEL EXERCISE TO THE OAU/UNHCR REGIONAL REFUGEE CONFERENCE.

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8. THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE NOTED THAT FOOD DISTRIBUTION HAD BEEN INTERRUPTED FOR TWO DAYS WHEN THE RPA CLOSED IDP CAMPS IN SOUTHWESTERN RWANDA. THERE IS CONCERN THAT FURTHER RPA INTERVENTIONS MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF ICRC FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM IN THE AREA. ICRC WELCOMES UNAMIR'S ACTIONS TO DISARM IDPS IN THE AREA. SPIEGEL

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